

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	10/817,451
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled EMERGENCY FLOTATION AND RECOVERY DEVICE.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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1. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. ☐ Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 ( pages) is enclosed.
4. ☐ New power of attorney ( pages) is enclosed.
5. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (2 pages), with:
  - a. Form 1449 (1 pages)
  - b. Copies of IDS Citations (2 pages)
6. ☒ Permission to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$395.00 to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application (1 page) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of to pay the extension fee.
9. ☒ Others: A Petition to Withdraw from Issue including Permission to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the required Petition Fee (1 pg.).

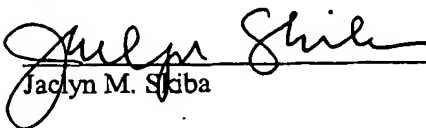
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